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Dear Ms. Eagleton:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 116810.

The North Richland Hills Police Department (the "department") received a request for a particular offense report pertaining to an alleged assault by a juvenile. You contend that the requested information is made confidential under section 58.007(c) of the Family Code and thus may not be released to the public.

Section 58.007(c) of the Family Code provides in pertinent part:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), law enforcement records and files concerning a child may not be disclosed to the public and shall be:

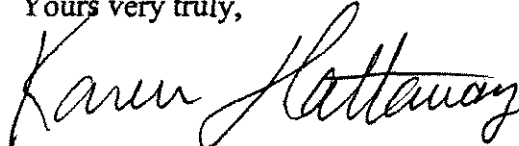
- (1) kept separate from adult files and records; and
- (2) maintained on a local basis only and not sent to a central state or federal depository, except as provided by Subchapter B.

Because the requested offense report comes within the ambit of section 58.007(c), we conclude that the report must be withheld in its entirety pursuant to section 552.101 of the Government Code.¹

¹Section 552.101 of the Government Code protects "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision."

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen Hattaway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Hattaway" clearly distinguishable.

Karen E. Hattaway
Assistant Attorney General
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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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